

# March 13

## 2016

### Fifth Sunday of Lent



#### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: MARCH 12 TO MARCH 20

*Please note that Mass is offered at 8:30 am and 7:15 pm every Monday.*

(L) indicates a living intention

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar. 12</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 13</b>	
9:00	Vito Tarica & Emilia Massullo-Tarica	Tarica family
11:00	Rosa Aloys & Anton Hvalica	Emil Markic
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mar. 14</b>	
8:30 am	For all deceased parents	
7:15 pm	Mr. & Mrs. L. Johnson	family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Mar. 15</b>	
8:30 am	Nicola Galatone	Rina Reda & family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Mar. 16</b>	
8:30 am	Giuseppe Reda	Rina Reda & family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Mar. 17</b>	
8:30 am	Thomas O'Grady & Lucy Sheehan	Walter & Irwin O'Grady
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mar. 18</b>	
8:30 am	Max Fernandes	Mr. & Mrs Braganza
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar. 19</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
4:30 pm	Giuseppa Della Serra	Josie & Florio La Penna
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 20</b>	
9:00	Domingo Jipos	Lourdes Jipos
11:00	Our Parishioners	

#### **SANCTUARY LAMP**

##### **Week of:**

Mar. 13: Domenic Mancini, requested by Becket's Knights of Columbus

Mar. 20: Madeline Obregon, requested by Anna Donald

#### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS:**

##### **March 05/06**

Offerings: \$ 6, 099.00

Building Fund: \$ 1, 742.00

**LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE** to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them:

*Miriam Pang*

**PARISH WISH LIST:** We need a night table, 18" square, preferable with a drawer, for the sacristy fridge.

#### **+++WEST ISLAND LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE+++**

St. Veronica

Sat. March 19

10:30 am- 12 noon

## FAITH FIRST

### UPCOMING EVENT:

Eucharist Gathering #6: Tuesday March 15th

Level 1/2 Gathering #3: Friday March 18th

### LIFE AND FAITH SESSIONS

**“O’ Mercy!”** Thursday, March 17, 7 - 9 p.m. –

With Lucie McElligott

"The Eucharist is the Source and Summit of our Christian life" ccc 1324 Together, following the example of Saint Patrick, we will explore our response, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to God's great Mercy, in our celebration of the Liturgy.

**“The Mercy of Jesus”** Friday, March 18, 5-6 p.m. Repeated 6:45-7:45 p.m.

With Elizabeth Koessler

In this year of Mercy, what are the various ways in which Jesus showed mercy to the people that he met. How does he help us to discover the merciful God that Pope Francis often speaks to us about?

### 50<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE NEWS

**BOWSER & BLUE** are coming to Becket April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets are selling fast. No reservations please.

For more info 514-915-7586.



**THE MANY FACES OF BECKET PROJECT:** Have you been a part of Becket's 50 years? Share your memories and experiences. Help write Becket's history through your stories! Go to <http://becket.ca> => 50th jubilee page or <http://becket.ca/faces.php> to learn more

### PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY: CELEBRATE OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> AND THE YEAR OF MERCY

Our Pastor, Fr. Peter Sabbath, will be leading the pilgrimage, September 25 - October 7, 2016, that will also raise some funds for the parish.

We will be departing Montreal for Rome, where we will celebrate Mass at the tomb of St. John Paul II, enter the Holy Door at St. Peter's and the other basilicas, attend an audience with Pope Francis, and visit all the important sites in Rome. Then we travel to Monte Cassino (St. Benedict), San Giovanni Rotondo (St. Padre Pio), Assisi (St. Francis), Florence, Padua (St. Anthony), Lanciano and more. Returning to Montreal from Venice. Contact Liz Dachuk at [lizdachuk@connaissancetravel.com](mailto:lizdachuk@connaissancetravel.com) or 877-701-7729, ext. 239.

**EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS:** We invite you to make a donation toward our Easter Flower Fund for your personal intentions. Donations may be sent to the parish office or dropped in the Easter flower box. Please include on the envelope: name of your intention or loved one (memorial) along with your name (donor). Please also include your parish envelope number if you have one. Names of loved ones and intentions will be included in upcoming Easter bulletins.

**BECKET PANTY NEEDS:** tea, coffee, fruit, crackers, salmon, laundry detergent, hand soap, gravy, tomato juice canned tomatoes, rice (small packages please). A refugee family that have recently moved into the West Island need furniture & beds. Thank you!

**BECKET'S 2016 MARRIAGE JUBILEE:** Is your wedding anniversary this year divisible by five? Join us at our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Marriage Jubilee on April 22 & 23. Sign up after all Masses starting April 2 or call Rina at 514-695-6995.

**SOLIDARITY SUNDAY:** Next weekend (March 20) we will hold our annual collection for Solidarity Sunday. Every gift goes far to help our sisters and brothers around the world – from Haiti to Paraguay to Bethlehem and beyond! We end our Share Lent pilgrimage with the words of our Holy Father Pope Francis in this Jubilee Year of Mercy: “Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope.” Thank you for your generosity and helping to create a hopeful future!



## **NEW EVANGELIZATION**

**THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2016:** NES is a two day conference that brings together speakers who are leaders in the New Evangelization. Its goal is to provide inspiration, encouragement, training, practical wisdom and resources on how Catholics can effectively evangelize. All Catholics will benefit immensely from this powerful opportunity to be further equipped in the fundamental mission of the Church. The event will be streamed live at St. Thomas à Becket parish. St. Luke's is co-hosting this event. Early bird tickets are presently available on line at [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca). Lunch will be provided for participants.

**Friday April 15, 7:00-9:30 pm and Saturday, April 16, 8:45 AM - 4:30 pm**

**THANK YOU** to Siro Di Marco and the boys from Loyola High School who helped us to clean up the parish basement. When the old boiler was removed it left a coating of sooty grease that spread to every surface in the basement. The boys spent an entire morning sorting, cleaning and putting everything in order. Thank you for your hard work!

**WHY DO I NEED TO INDICT MYSELF** to get ready for Easter? Isn't Easter the season of new life? Where's the joy in spending Lent as the prosecutor at my own trial?

We owe ourselves exactly the same mercy we owe to others. Vilifying ourselves isn't the point of Lent. Purifying our hearts is. Lent is the time when we learn the language of repentance and forgiveness by disciplining our mind, our spirit and our appetites, so that nothing prevents us from hearing God's voice and seeking him out. The joy in Lent comes from our confidence in the resurrection of a Saviour who will deliver us from sin and restore us to life.

Of course, unless we understand our own sinfulness, unless we understand the urgency of repentance and reconciliation, the Cross makes no sense; the Resurrection makes no sense. Easter joy is the joy of deliverance and new life. If we don't believe in our bones that we really do desperately need these things, Easter is just another excuse for a holiday sale; and the Sacrament of Penance, and our fasting and almsgiving, are a waste of time.

But in the silence of our own hearts, if we're honest, we know we hunger for something more than our own selfishness and mistakes. We were made for glory, and we're empty of that glory until God fills us with his presence. All things are made new in the victory of Jesus Christ—even sinners like you and me. The blood of the Cross washes away death. It purifies us as vessels for God's new life. The Resurrection fills us with God's own life.

Lent is an opportunity and a grace, not a burden. May we use the weeks of Lent this year to clean and ready our hearts so we can receive Jesus Christ this Easter, and share his life throughout 2015.



*~ Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia*